Low salary to Indian soldiers

1874. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the salary of an Indian soldier is the lowest as compared to the salaries paid to the soldiers in Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Pakistan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the condition of an ex-serviceman is still worse; and

(c) if so, the measures being undertaken to improve the position of soldiers, the army as well as ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The pay and allowances, pension and other facilities given to the Armed Forces Personnel and ex-servicemen differ from country to country and depend upon a number of factors. It is, therefore, considered that it would not be possible to make a comparison on like to like basis of the facilities admissible to the Indian Armed Forces personnel and ex-servicemen with those admissible in other countries.

Quality of CGHS Medicines

1875. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS dispensaries in the Capital are supplying inferior quality of medicines and even Enapril Maleal Frusemide and Ranitidine tablets, which are prescribed in the case of serious heart disease, are not upto standard and prices are not indicated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any cases of deaths/ aggravation have been reported due to poor quality of drugs; and

(d) the action taken in regard to that?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir; for Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries, Medical Stores Depot procures the listed medicines against the annual indent from Medical Stores Organisation (Directorate General of Health Services) alongwith a quality certificate stating, "All the items have been got tested and found of standard quality". Medicines like Enalpril, Frusemide and Renitidie are single salt medicines and are supplied by Medical Stores Organisation in generic form which carries a quality certificate.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Stockists of HPC

1876. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 2401 and 1399 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th August, 1994 and 15th December, 1994 respectively and state:

(a) the names of the stockists of the HPC in Delhi and the list of items sold by them and whether the rates are the same as prescribed by H.P.C.

(b) the details of the items required by the Kendriya Bhandar and the Super Bazar and whether those are available with their existing stockists in Delhi and whether any indents were placed by these organisations of the H.P.C.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Hindustan Paper